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## **Council Bluffs Man Sentenced on Drug and Firearm Charges**

DES MOINES, IA – On January 28, 2014, Scott Norman Hart, age 37, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, was sentenced in United States District Court in Council Bluffs on charges of possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute, and carrying a firearm regarding drug trafficking, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. Chief United States District Court Judge James E. Gritzner sentenced Hart to a total of 240 months imprisonment, that is, 180 months imprisonment on the drug charge, and a consecutive 60 months imprisonment on the firearm charge. Hart was further sentenced to concurrent terms of 5 years of supervised release on both charges. Hart was also ordered to forfeit the firearm and ammunition he possessed, and to pay a \$200.00 special assessment for the Crime Victim Fund. Hart remains in the custody of the United States Marshal pending designation of the Federal Bureau of Prisons facility at which he will serve his sentence.

The charges arose from the Fugitive Task Force encountering Hart at a residence in Council Bluffs, Iowa, on November 9, 2012. Hart was wanted on a fugitive warrant for absconding from parole in Nebraska. At the time Hart was arrested, he was found in possession of approximately 95 grams of methamphetamine and a small quantity of marijuana. Also found on his person at the time of his arrest was a loaded .380 caliber pistol.

The case was investigated by the Council Bluffs, Iowa, Police Department, the United States Marshals Service, the Southwest Iowa Narcotics Enforcement Task Force, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.

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